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Title: BIOACTIVATED DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CONTRAST AGENTS

The prior application is assigned of record to Epix Medical, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 1, 1997 at 8757/0969.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Information disclosure statement, 1 page.
- Form PTO-1449, 3 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of United States application serial no. 09/952,291, filed September 14, 2001, which is a continuation of United States application serial number 08/823,643, filed March 25, 1997, which claims the benefit of priority to United States provisional

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